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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For:

A Method and Apparatus For The Sale of Airline-Specified Flight Tickets

Enclosed are:

[X] 27 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 26 page(s) of claims

[X] 20 sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-15B) [X] formal [ ] informal

[X] 6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

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[X] Copy from prior application

[ ] Copy of Associate Power of Attorney

[ ] Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

[ ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

[ ] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[ ]        page(s) of Sequence Listing

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- ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same
- ☐ Claim for Priority
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☐ English translation documents
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Copy of \_\_\_\_ cited references
- ☒ Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No. 09/238,546.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☒ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
- ☒ Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. 08/889,304.
- ☐ ~~Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3-73(b).~~
- ☒ This application is a continuation of prior US patent application serial no. 09/238,546, filed January 28, 1999 which is a continuation of prior US patent application serial no. 08/889,304, filed July 8, 1997, now issued US Patent No. 5,897,620, each of which is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-143 of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- ☒ The status of the parent application is as follows:
- ☐ A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☒ No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
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[ x ] A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ 2376.00.

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[ ] A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 in payment of the application filing fees is attached.

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[ X ] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3553-4044US2. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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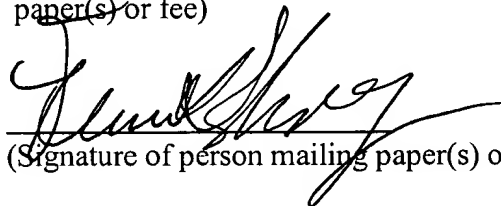
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